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Fritz De Grodt joins our band of
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Water kegs, linen water-bags and
hot meal jugs. C. R. GAINES. 2t

All kinds of fountain drinks at
ROTHE'S CONFECTIONERY. tf

Pictures framed and mirrors re-
silvered. — SPEECE WOODCRAFT
SHOP. tf

LOST, a Brahma bull, 2 years old.
Branded Bar 2. Reward. P. O. Box
37, Natalia.

Have you lost a valuable key? If
so, call at the Anvil Herald office
and identify property.

For drug store needs go to WIN-
DROW DRUG STORE, serving Me-
dia County since 1898. tf

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jungman and
son, Anthony, are spending this
week in Corpus Christi.

For Hemstitching see Mrs. R. W.
Speece, at residence opposite north-
west corner of courthouse. tf

FOR SALE: Cafe fixtures; will
sell all or part—priced to sell. Ap-
ply CITY CAFE, Sabinal. 6tp

Mr. Ben Zerr of D'Hanis entered
Medina Hospital on June 29 for sev-
eral days medical treatment.

Found, key to a Yale lock. Owner
can have same by calling and iden-
tifying property at this office.

Mrs. Dorothy Kelley of Houston is
here on an extended visit to Miss
Bernice Chancey and other relatives.

Mrs. Jack Drotcourt Jr. of San
Antonio spent the week-end with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Miller.

Cooper's Cattle Dip, testing fluid
and tablets. Blackleg vaccine. — Large supply at Windrow Drug Store.

Mr. Louis Mehr of Castroville en-
tered Medina Hospital on June 20
for several days medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sureddin and
little son of San Antonio visited her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mann last
week-end.

NEGRO FUGITIVE CAPTURED BY SHERIFF SCHUEHLE.

Snake Parker Held in Nuevo Laredo
Jail To Await Extradition.

Keeping himself pretty well informed as to the approximate whereabouts of John (Snake) Parker, negro fugitive from justice in Mexico, and alert to any untoward movements of the negro's friends and relatives here in Medina County, Sheriff C. J. Schuehle was able to clamp down on the unsuspecting negro who met his arrest without resistance about 6:30 Sunday morning near Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Parker has been sought in Texas and Mexico since the fatal stabbing of Roy Embrey, Hondo mechanic, here on November 14, 1937.

Learning of a proposed visit to Laredo of Red Fleming, Hondo negro, and Cary Williams and Gertrude Carson, San Antonio negroes, Sheriff Schuehle posted highway patrolmen along the route to watch for the party, and then went to Laredo to await their arrival, last week-end. He was informed by the highway men of the time of the negroes' departure from San Antonio and was given a complete description of the car and its occupants. Sheriff Schuehle waited for them at the international bridge and at daylight Sunday morning with Ranger Bill MacMurray of Benavides and two Nuevo Laredo officers, Abel Cantu and Chief of Police Mario Trevino, followed the car several miles to an abandoned bull ring on the outskirts of the Mexican town. The negroes were rushed by the officers and taken completely by surprise. They surrendered without resistance, Parker holding only a broom found.

Parker was placed in Nuevo Laredo jail pending extradition proceedings. Since January Sheriff Schuehle has had extradition papers signed by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull and is awaiting Mexican action before bringing Parker back to Hondo.

Action must be taken by Mexican authorities within the next sixty days.

After the stabbing of Embrey, Parker fled to the hills north of Hondo, where posse sought him several days. Later Sheriff Schuehle learned he had crossed into Mexico at Eagle Pass and ever since has been tracing him with the aid of District Attorney John Valls at Laredo and Nuevo Laredo police. In Mexico, Sheriff Schuehle said, Parker was known as John Carson, and went from Eagle Pass to Musquiz, then to Tampico, and finally came back to the border.

NEW THEATRE OPENS.

Of double interest to the amusement lovers of Hondo and vicinity was the Texas premier of the film "Lord Jeff" and the opening of the new Jennings theatre, The Raye, Wednesday night of this week. The people began to gather early in the evening, when the ticket booth was opened a long line had been formed, and by starting time at 8 o'clock there was standing room only. The crowd was so large that it was necessary to have two shows.

The foyer of the theatre was decorated with floor baskets of flowers, the gifts of friends and business firms of Hondo. Ushers for the evening were Wanda Redmond, Susie Muennink and Norma Jane Bless who, in keeping with the nautical theme of the feature picture, were attired in white sailor suits.

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COMPARATIVE 1938-39 SCHOLASTICS OF MEDINA COUNTY.

Age	Girls	Boys	Total
6	153	151	304
7	162	160	322
8	173	187	360
9	165	158	323
10	169	177	346
11	161	197	371
12	164	207	389
13	185	204	414
14	205	209	329
15	171	158	326
16	184	178	329
17	165	164	329
	2057	2150	4207

Scholastic transfers for the term 1938-39 MUST be made during the month of July.

The Medina County Board of Education met June 17th. All bus routes were approved as of last year except Black Creek extended their route down the Frio road, and Rio Medina District extended theirs to F. J. Wurzbach.

C. F. SCHWEERS.

HONDO, MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS, JULY 1, 1938.

Some Historical Facts About Fort Lincoln

The Following Historical Data About One Of Medina County's Frontier Defenses Was Compiled, Embodied Into An Address And Delivered On June 19, 1938, In A Celebration Address At The Site Of The Fort.

By JUDGE H. E. HAASS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have met here today to commemorate the establishment of Fort Lincoln.

After the Mexican War of 1845 was ended, one of the provisions of the peace treaty signed in 1848 was that the United States or American Federal Government should protect the inhabitants of the new State of Texas from Indian attacks. This obligation, along with the establishment of the gold hunting emigrants' trail to California, caused the United States to build a string of forts across Texas for the protection of settlers and the overland travelers from marauding Indians.

There were more than fifty army posts established in Texas, more than in any other State of the Union, stretched across the State in three lines of defense. At the close of hostilities in Mexico, General Reynolds with about one thousand soldiers was left or remained in Texas to establish, build and garrison this series of army posts. They were erected—as the occasion demanded—within the next few years, and from Northeast to Southwest, they were.

Fort Clark had not yet been established. It was begun in July 1852, just about the time Fort Lincoln was abandoned. Major James Longstreet was last in command. Lieut. Dodge was second in command at the time.

In one of these companies of the Eighth U. S. Infantry was Richard Reilly, an Irishman who had joined the army in New York and who had fought with the soldiers in Mexico. The records at Hondo show that Mr. Reilly bought some land from John H. Herndon, of Velasco, Texas, who was the owner of the land around Fort Lincoln, and we find a deed from him to Richard Reilly dated Nov. 15, 1850. He also acquired some of the lots in Fort Lincoln as shown in the following records:

John H. Herndon to Richard Reilly, dated November 15, 1850. \$50.00. Filed Nov. 15, 1850, at 6 P. M. Recorded in Medina County Deed Records Book No. 1, page 250. Conveys a certain lot or parcel of ground on the west side of the Seco Creek in said County below the wood (Woolly) road bounded as follows, viz.:

Beginning at a stake on the bank of the Seco from which an Elm brs. N. 26 E. 11 varas. Thence west sixty varas to a stake from which a live oak 12 in. dia. bears S. 10°-30' West 34 varas. Thence South 30 varas to a stake from which a Live Oak 30 in. dia. bears S. 45° E. 23 varas. Thence East eighty varas to a stake from which a Live Oak 12 in. dia. bears N. 52 E. 4 varas. Thence up the Seco to the beginning Road to left open across the lot.

John H. Herndon to Richard Reilly, dated August 24, 1855. \$750.00. Filed August 30th, 1855, 5 P. M. Recorded in Medina County Deed Records Book No. 4, page 429 Conveys 200 acres N. part Survey 1038 J. McGinnies; also a tract of land on the West side of Seco bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake on the west bank above the crossing of the road from which a forked L. O. 30 in. dia. brs. S. 43 W. 36 3-4 varas. Thence West with the Street to the west line of Survey No. 416; a stake from which a L. O. 20 in. dia. brs. S. 64 W. 66 3-4 varas. Thence South 160 varas to a stake N. W. corner of a tract I sold to Reilly. Thence East to the Seco. Thence up the Seco to the beginning. Acres on west side Seco Creek.

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JUST ANOTHER SCRAP O' PAPER!



to sell 400 acres to Richard Reilly, South end, Dec. 22, 1851.

A 2, p. 159—J. H. Herndon by Chas. de Montel, Atty. in fact, to Richard Reilly, \$659.00, 446 acres S. end Survey 416 M. Anderson, April 3, 1852.

Mr. Reilly was married to Miss Marie Agatha Sauter, on Dec. 5, 1854, by Rev. John Dornseifer, Catholic priest, and reared his family in a house that had been the hospital of the Fort. Several of the soldiers bought lots in Old D'Hanis, but none remained for any length of time, except James M. Bright who afterwards located a pre-emption on which the North part of Devine is now located. J. H. Herndon on Sept. 1, 1851, gave a Power of Attorney to W. Steele, Brevet Captain U. S. Army, at Fort Lincoln, to sell and rent lands adjoining.

In Sowell's Book of Texas Indian Fighters, mention is made in sketch of Capt. H. J. Richarz, that in 1853 Mr. Richarz moved to Fort Lincoln, and for two years occupied the quarters of the last Commander Major James Longstreet, afterwards the famous Confederate General. Mr. Richarz bought lands near Fort Lincoln, and established the first U. S. Postoffice west of Castroville, at the D'Hanis settlement, and acted as postmaster up to the Civil War. In the sheep business he had as a partner the John H. Herndon mentioned before and acted as Land Agent and Surveyor in selling his lands to the settlers. Capt. Richarz, afterwards was Captain of Rangers, and as such occupied Fort Inge on the Leon, was last in command. Lieut. Dodge was second in command at the time.

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TO TRUCK PATRONS.

I have bought the business and equipment of the M. J. Balzen's truck service and will continue the business in the same prompt and efficient manner. The business of all former patrons of the service and any others needing hauling is respectfully solicited.

Yours for service,
B. J. De JORNO, Jr.,
Dunlay, Texas.
Phone 974 F3, Hondo.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Preaching Service 11:00 A. M.
Training Service 7:00 P. M.
Preaching Service 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Service, Wed. 8:45 P. M.
Choir Practice, Wed. 8:00 P. M.
W. M. S., Thursday 4:00 P. M.

We most cordially invite all who can to attend and take part in any and all of these services. Come!

—I. V. GARRISON, Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

English services Sunday at 10:00.
Sunday school at 9:00.

The Ladies Aid meets in the home of Mrs. C. J. Stiegler at three o'clock Wednesday, July 6.

The Luther League will assemble for its monthly meeting Thursday evening at 8:00.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to notify the public that I am the sole owner and manager of the Grube Grain Co. of Hondo, and any business transacted with me is of no direct interest or benefit to any of my employees.

(Signed)
L. F. GRUBE.

NO TOWN EVER GREW
on Trade That Went
Elsewhere.

Are you a town builder?

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SPARK

A SCRAP OF TEXAS NEWSPAPER HISTORY.

The following correspondence came to our hands on June 20th, and while Stephenville is a long way from Castroville and Medina County, and the parties and events involved unknown and of little concern to our readers, we gladly publish it in full, in the hope that an old man may feel that he is not wholly without recourse in his effort to right what he conceives to be a wrong.

Pacific Beach,
San Diego,
California,
June 8, 1938.

Editor Castroville Newspaper,
Castroville, Texas.

My Dear Sir:

I'm a total stranger to you; don't know your name, nor the name of your paper, but I'm taking the liberty of sending to you the enclosed 'circular letter', which explains itself, and I hope I'm not intruding upon your time nor patience, for such is not my desire—far from it. During my newspaper days Hal Gosling was Editor and publisher of the 'Castroville Quill'. I was well acquainted with him; was a member of the Texas Press Association at the time it made its excursion to San Francisco, from Houston, May 22, 1882; was with that excursion and its 65 Texas editors. At this time Hal Gosling was President of the Texas Press Association. When we arrived in San Francisco, he appointed me as one of the members of a committee to draw up a set of suitable resolutions expressive of our thanks for the kindness and royal reception extended to us by both the City and Daily Press. I can't recall a single editor now alive that was in the newspaper business during my time. All have gone on to the Great Afterlife. With the coming of the middle of August next, I'm expecting to welcome my 90th birthday. After this short introduction—I will have to quit.

Good-bye, and Good Luck.

Respectfully yours,

EUGENE B. SCOTT.

P. S.
Dr. Thomas Clinton Whitehead, of Castroville, is an own Cousin of mine.

E. B. S.

"ANOTHER PRESS VETERAN PASSES."

From The Lubbock (Texas) Daily Avalanche, 3/16/1938.

"Another veteran of the 'type stick' has been lost from the thinning ranks of old time Texas newspapermen in the person of George F. Scott, whose death occurred at the age of eighty-five years."

"Born in Alabama in 1853, he moved to Texas with his parents in 1862, started his newspaper career at Gilmer while still a boy, and in 1874 founded the Stephenville Empire, in partnership with his brother, Eugene B. Scott, now of San Diego, California. They sold that publication nine years later, after one of the outstanding weeklies of the state had been securely established."

"He was one of the fast fading clan, one who was able to get his news or editorial matter, who could set it in type, lock it in its form, and run it off the press, all by his own hand, when none was available to help him."

"It must have seemed to him a hopeless, thankless, poorly remunerated task then. But Mr. Scott was one of those who lived long enough to realize that he helped pioneer the field which has made possible the modern West Texas Press of today."

SHORT SKETCH OF THE STEPHENVILLE EMPIRE.

By E. B. Scott.

First Appearance.
The Stephenville (Texas) Empire was founded in January, 1874, by E. B. & G. F. Scott, under the proprietorship of The Scott Brothers, and during its life, under our management, not an iota of interest was owned by any one else, save ourselves; nor any one else ever have one particle of control of its editorial department. We owned and published the Stephenville Empire from 1874 until the summer of 1883, or nearly ten years.

False Statement.

The Star-Telegram, of Ft. Worth, Texas, in its issue of September 10, 1935, published a 'frontier story' about the 93 year old twins, J. M. Shaffer, and his sister. The former lived in Plainview, Texas, the sister in Los Angeles, Calif. Of Shaffer, the Ft. Worth paper states: "He came to Texas in 1878, and founded the Stephenville Empire, at Stephenville, and edited the newspaper for several years".

The article above referred to, picture and all, would make about one single column; it was published in double column form. The same paper (Ft. Worth Star-Telegram) in its issue of December 12, 1936, in a similar story, of about a 1/4 of a column, including the 'twin picture,' again asserts that, "Shaffer established many papers, among them, the Stephenville Empire".

Again, the same paper, for the third time, in its issue of February 8, 1937, in a 'death notice', of J. M. Shaffer, says: "He published the first paper in Stephenville—The Stephenville Empire".

Refused Hearing.
Shortly after the first publication of these untrue and misleading statements in regard to the early history of the Stephenville Empire newspaper, we wrote the Editor of The Star-Telegram, and gave him the true history of the Empire's first appearance, (January, 1874) and who the

founders of the paper were, but it's evident I wasn't able to catch his memory.

In the meantime, my brother, and co-partner, George F. Scott, of Lorenzo, Texas, wrote to the present owners of the Stephenville Empire, kindly giving them the facts of its early publication, but its ending was about the same as mine with the Ft. Worth people—they didn't even pay any attention to his letter.

Demand Retraction.

We also wrote J. M. Shaffer, of Plainview, two years before his death and asked for a retraction of his statements in regard to the founding, publishing, and editing of the Stephenville Empire. It seems my letter never reached him. However, I received a letter from his daughter to the effect, that her father was too feeble minded to take up the matter with him; that, if he was spoken to about me, he wouldn't likely have any remembrance of such a person. "So, I never let him see your letter. Besides" she continued, "What does it all amount to any way? All editors tell lies".

A CONCLUSION.

Since there's no chance for a "square deal", or even a courteous answer from any one concerned in this 'flagrant falsity', we've about concluded to take it up ourself, and see that the facts are given to every paper in west Texas, where we spent nearly ten years of pioneer newspaper work, when it wasn't a very safe nor a pleasant job to be "nozing" around in the cattle country, along the border line of civilization. I still believe there's some of the generosity and courteousness of the old days left among the members of the Texas Press as Press.

Not that the Empire publication is of any great importance to Texas editorial profession—far from it. But, because of the utter untruthfulness, unkindness, unreasonableness stand taken by those who ought to show some concern for the feelings and respect of its real founders and publishers.

J. M. Shaffer.

The first time I ever heard of this man Shaffer was in 1878, the very year the Star-Telegram gives when he came to Texas. At this time we had been publishing the Stephenville Empire a little more than four years! He came into our office and asked for a job; he was a journeyman printer; no disgrace that we know of; that's about all he knew of the printing business, for he told us so; absolutely unable to edit a newspaper; he was 'hard up'; God knows he looked it; he needed groceries for his wife and baby. We gave him a friendly hand; he lived near town down on the Bosque, where he was a tenant on a small piece of land, belonging to a warm friend of mine; a subscriber for two copies of the Empire—one for home, the other sent east: just as numbers of our subscription list were doing every year. There's nothing more honorable than farming. We threw every dollar in his way as long as we were in the printing business, which ceased just 55 years ago. What he did afterwards—is no concern of ours.

Move To California.

In the summer of 1883 we'd closed out our interest in the Stephenville Empire, and on June 6, 55 years ago today, we had become a citizen of California. The purchaser was Mr. C. W. Jenkins, who later sold the paper to its present owners—as we understand. Mr. Jenkins, while proprietor, was unfortunate in losing his office and entire contents by fire—didn't even save his file. More than likely there's not an old issue of The Empire in existence, except in the corner stone of the court house; and doubtless there's not an old subscriber of our days now living. Shaffer was aware of all this, and more; the thought was doubtless revolving in his mind, that the Scott Bros. too had passed on to the Great Unknown, and that there was a chance to make a 'pioneer story' for the Ft. Worth paper, and get away with it—even though he was feeble minded, and had a memory that was blank. We had known nothing about his physical or mental condition.

Note This.

"The Empire was founded by J. M. Shaffer in 1878," according to the Ft. Worth paper and Shaffer himself. The present owners of the Empire state in their New Year's Edition in 1937, that the Stephenville Empire was founded and edited by J. M. Shaffer in 1870." "They seem more interested in adding 4 years to the age of the paper than in its true history, especially since there's no file on record nor any one living in the town to contradict their false statement."

DEVINE NEWSLETS.

The Devine News.
MRS. W. B. HARDEMAN.

Mrs. Margaret L. Hardeman, 76, widow of the late Judge W. B. Hardeman, passed quietly away, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Pfleil, 307 Fury Drive, San Antonio, on June 16th. Mrs. Hardeman had just visited her home in Devine, and returned to spend some time with her daughter, when the end came peacefully, in her sleep; and she was found by her daughter when she went to call her mother to breakfast. She had apparently ceased breathing without awakening, as she showed no signs of a struggle of any kind. She leaves her only son, W. B., Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Worcester and Mrs. Arthur Pfleil, both of San Antonio, and three granddaughters. She was a native of Louisiana, her maiden name was Edwards, and came with her parents to Texas at the age of two years; they located near Prairie Lea, where in

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ulrich of Hondo spent the week-end with relatives here.

Medina County Home Demonstration Clubs

JULY

Wardrobe Achievements

(With Agent)

Place:

Date:

Leader:

Roll Call: Improvements that I have made in my clothes storage space.

Program: Hold achievement program at home of 1938 demonstrator.

Studies in Family Life

(Without Agent)

Place:

Date:

Leader:

Roll Call:

Program: Books and Magazines in the Home.

Material to be furnished through Agent's Office.

Report of Council Delegate.

Send in list of names to attend encampment.

County-Wide Encampment: Date and place to be announced.

Note: Agent will visit Pantry Demonstrators.

Agent will visit Garden Demonstrators.

Agent will visit Whole Farm Demonstrations.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY WAS HELD AT DUNLAW H. D. CLUB.

"Things in their places save time and work," said Mrs. J. Zerr when giving her demonstration to visitors and members of the Dunlaw Home Demonstration Club on Wednesday, June 15.

Mrs. Zerr showed the women how she planned her wardrobe—with enough room for hanging articles, shoe rack, hat racks, tie and belt racks; also a shelf for girls' clothing. By rolling her quilts and blankets and tying with string she saves space.

The closet was old, but with clever hands it was fixed to be very nice and useful.

Mrs. Zerr also showed how foundation garments are used for dresses, slips and underwear. Mrs. Schuevers showed how to make two hat racks. One was made of wire clothes hangers.

Refreshments of light and dark layer cake and iced tea were served to ten members and these guests: Mrs. John Zuberbuer, Mrs. Ed. J. Haby, Mrs. Ben Fritz, Mrs. Wm. Burger, Mrs. S. Zerr, Mrs. Arnold Balzen, Mrs. Louis Oefinger, Mrs. E. A. Bendele, Mrs. Otto Sitte, Mrs. Wm. Schuever, Mrs. Alfred Schuevers and Misses Agnes Haby and Nell Foley.

The cannning demonstration will be at the home of Mrs. Albert Ihnken Wednesday, June 22, at 2 P. M.

Visitors are invited to attend this demonstration.—Reporter.

WARDROBE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM IN HONDO

Mrs. Alfred Schuevers, Wardrobe Demonstrator of the Hondo Home Demonstration Club, held her Wardrobe Achievement Program at her home Tuesday afternoon, June 21st. Miss Foley and seventeen members of the club were present, and also the following guests: Mesdames Arnold Balzen, Felix Batot, Fritz Belschner, Alphonse Boog, J. H. Burgin, H. B. Hubert and Earl Starnes, and Miss Annie Davis.

Frances Beal and Gladys Bohlen gave several piano selections throughout the afternoon, some of which were "Ballade", "In The Wigwam", "The Isle of Pines" and "Spanish-Gypsy Dance".

Mrs. Schuevers explained how she improved her clothes storage space and how she made the accessories for her clothes closets, such as shoe, tie and hat racks.

In drawing for entrance prizes, Mrs. Fritz Belschner won a shoe rack, Mrs. Felix Batot a tie rack, Mrs. Earl Starnes hat rack, and Mrs. J. R. Black a cellulose dress cover. Miss Foley, home demonstration agent, was presented a cellulose dress cover.

Fruit punch and chicken sand-

wiches were the refreshments served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. F. Laake, Wednesday afternoon, July 6, at 2:30 P. M.

—Reporter.

day, Rev. Sam Allison, conducting the revival.

Miss Agnes Wiemers of San Antonio is visiting her mother and sister and family here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiemers of Bandera were here with Mrs. Katie Muennink and mother a short time last week.

We notice some improvements on our school campus, the Mexican school buildings on the campus are dressed up in the same color.

Miss Pauline McAnelly visited her folks Saturday, from Austin, and returned Monday.

We regret to report that Mrs. Philip Nixon is ill in the Medina Hospital. We hope she will soon be able to return to her home.

Several of our citizens went to Mexico on a fishing trip, but found water very scarce and very few fish were caught.

Miss Ethel Lee Gronewald of San Marcos is spending her vacation with homefolks here, and will return to Tennessee early in July.

Miss Grace Saathoff is recuperating after an appendectomy several weeks ago. She had planned to attend the summer session at San Marcos.

Mr. Tom Duncan and family motored to Divot one day last week, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thompson.

County Commissioner Koch came down Friday looking about the condition of our roads, found them muddy. Mr. Harrison Wilson and family made a pleasure trip to the Valley last week, and reported an enjoyable trip.

Mr. A. J. Boggus went to Uvalde last week to visit his father who has been quite ill the past several months.

Zedella Ward and Betty Bohm, wife of Freer and Mirando City, respectively, are visiting Frances Ward.

The ladies of this community have been very busy canning fruit and vegetables, every pantry is filled to capacity with canned commodities for the winter.

Mrs. J. D. Baker, Jr., and son returned from a week's visit to Killeen

CLUB OFFICERS.

The following clubs were organized following the publication of the Home Demonstration Clubs yearbook and were, therefore, omitted from the list printed in this paper the last two weeks:

Hondo:

President—Mrs. L. F. Grube.

Vice-President—Mrs. Andrew Braden.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. H. Z. Windrow.

Council Delegate—Mrs. Alfred Schuevers.

Reporter—Mrs. Oscar Batot.

Wardrobe Demonstrator—Mrs. Alfred Schuevers.

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—Reporter.

MURPHY H. D. CLUB.

The Murphy Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Stevens with Miss Foley present.

Canning of corn was demonstrated, but due to some fault in the lids the canning was not a success. Later in the meeting Miss Foley discussed the different temperatures of fruits and vegetables.

Miss Foley says: "All products should be gathered at the proper stage of maturity and should not be kept over an hour before canning. Corn should be canned in pint cans instead of quarts to give it an even temperature. Enamed lined cans should be used to avoid discoloration of the corn."

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NOBODY'S BUSINESS."

By Julian Capers, Jr.

The opinions here expressed are
the author's own and not necessarily those of the Herald.—M. E.

HOME LOAN FORECLOSURES BY
BUREAU TAKE OVER NEAR-LY 80,000 DWELLINGS.

WASHINGTON (IPS)—Rounding out five years as a home mortgage lender, the Federal Government now owns nearly 80,000 dwellings, about half of which were acquired through foreclosures in the past year.

The Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which jumped into the real estate business in 1933 to save homes threatened with foreclosure in the depression, was five years old recently. It loaned more than \$3,000,000 to about 1,000,000 home owners from June, 1933, through June, 1938.

HOLC attaches said fewer foreclosures have occurred recently. In April 3,253 foreclosures were instituted. This is 491 less than March and far down from the peak around 8,000 a month in the fall of 1936.

About 30,000 borrowers have repaid loans in full; about 750,000 are making "satisfactory" payments; 115,000 are still making payment "that causes us to have hope"; while about 33,000 have repayment records indicating a "doubtful outcome"

—WS—

The specter of a special session stalks the Capitol Building in Washington—a Capitol deserted by members who have gone home to test their popularity with the voters.

Even the joy which came as banging gavels announced names die adjournment of the House and Senate was marred by the special session prospects. None of the members want to be called back, but observers see strong possibility for an extraordinary session soon after the November elections. The possibility is based on: (1) threatened collapse of the \$20,000,000 railroad industry; (2) bumper crops bogging down the "planned economy" scheme and farm structure; and (3) continuing business decline and mounting unemployment.

In reality—but not technically—a special session would fall in the category of a "lame duck" session. The Norris Bill, passed only a few years ago, forbids "lame duck" sessions, but, of course, any session called between November and next January 3 would be officially referred to as an "emergency session" and not a lame duck.

—WS—

Congressional tempers are especially sharp in the closing days of a session. C.I.O. Chieftain John L. Lewis can vouch for that. Mr. Lewis "moved in" on the Speaker's Office just before adjournment and summoned Congressmen to his presence to demand that they amend the Walsh-Healey Act to set up a "blacklist" of companies not seeing eye-to-eye with the National Labor Relations Board.

After the labor leader had "dismissed" the Congressmen, they returned to the House floor and launched themselves on a bitter denunciation of the affair. Many heated remarks went into the official record as one member after another described the incident as "the most shocking and disgraceful activity that has taken place in the Nation's Capitol in decades."

—WS—

The next day the incident led to another precedent. One of the Congressmen found, to the amazement of the newspaper corps at the Capitol, that his remarks attacking the affair had been omitted from the

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official record of proceedings—the Congressional Record.

In his remarks he had attacked Mr. Lewis for "taking up his headquarters in the offices of the third highest ranking official of our Government and demanding that representatives of a free people come before him and bend their knees in raven supplication."

Upon investigation, the Congressman said he had learned that a union printer at the Government Printing Office had left the remarks out "because he didn't know how to handle them." —WS—

The Seventy-fifth Congress, by the way, was the longest since the Seventy-first Congress convened to legislate emergency-depression measures. The 71st remained in session 529 days. The last Congress was in session 419.

—WS—

Representative Stefan, of Nebraska, believing that inventors might think up some new-fangled machine that would create some new jobs and thereby relieve unemployment, recently called upon inventors to write him with some of their ideas. Now he's trying to find some inventor who'll tell him what to do with the ideas.

"Every mail," he says, "brings in a new pack. I'm getting so many that my head is spinning like a perpetual motion machine."

But some of the ideas weren't so bad at that, he admits, and points to one meritorious suggestion from Olathe, Kansas—an Olathe inventor says a machine to catch grasshoppers will solve it.

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John Wayne, Marsha Hunt and John Mack Brown head the cast of "Born to the West", the Zane Grey action romance showing tonight and Saturday at the Raye Theatre. It was directed by Charles Barton.

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WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS . . .

by James Preston

The opinions here expressed are Mr. Preston's own and not necessarily those of this paper.—M. E.

AUSTIN, June 27.—Two schools of political thought, each including experienced, thoughtful observers, have sprung up here during the past two weeks regarding the W. Lee O'Daniel boom for governor. One holds the O'Daniel movement to be a "freak" that will die out as rapidly as it sprang up, with O'Daniel's best effort probably landing him in third or fourth place, at best. Its adherents argue the hill-billy band is the big attraction, and that the novelty will wear off before the election. They also argue that "lots of folks go to a medicine show who don't buy any medicine," and contend that past political history has proved that big crowds frequently don't mean big votes, citing the campaign of the elder Joe Bailey for governor, and various campaigns of Jim Ferguson, as examples.

Some Are Worried

The other school takes the O'Daniel phenomenon very seriously, and openly believes the thing may develop into a runaway movement that might land the Fort Worth radio entertainer in the Governor's chair, or at least in the runoff primary. They point out that a man appearing for years on a radio program builds up a close personal relationship with thousands of voters who may never have seen him, and who know or care very little about what he knows or thinks about governmental problems. Bill McCraw, for several years when he was District Attorney of Dallas, made a weekly radio talk on legal questions, governmental problems and similar subjects, and smart insiders count this as one of the major factors in the defeat by McCraw, a comparatively unknown politician then, of an experienced State official with a State-wide following, for Attorney General in 1934.

Austin Excited

They declare the people are disgusted with the conventional politicians, and the O'Daniel boom is a spontaneous protest by the people, with characteristics similar to the uprising of the people in the Roosevelt Democratic victory in 1932. Austin, the hot-bed of politics, talks more about the O'Daniel movement than any other section of Texas, and some of the political experts here are quite hysterical over the situation. Cooler heads point to O'Daniel's essential weaknesses—a complete lack of governmental experience or knowledge, a silly platform embracing the Ten Commandments, a wild promise to pay all aged a \$30 a month pension, and a lack of serious interest in his State government so complete that he didn't pay his poll tax. As one veteran here put it:

"The boys and girls who paid \$1.75 for their ticket to the show, sure represent seeing a guy come in and sit in a box seat on a free pass."

Has Hurt McCraw

Whatever else he has done or may do in the campaign, O'Daniel has crippled the McCraw campaign seriously. The attorney general started out as the master showman, who capitalized for months on his hearty, hail-fellow-well-met attitude, his funny stories and his wise-cracks. Then O'Daniel came along, and outdid McCraw so thoroughly as a showman and a crowd-getter that the McCraw campaign.

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Craw drive went into the doldrums and has been there for two weeks.

The Thompson forces, meanwhile, were cockily confident, asserting that their following has constituted a serious-minded group of voters who don't "go" for showmanship, and ballyhoo, and that they have suffered but little defection to either McCraw or O'Daniel. "When the bands get through playing and the circus closes up," said one shrewd politician, "the folks will cast their ballots for a candidate with a record, who originated a platform, and has discussed problems and issues of state government throughout the summer."

So the reader can take his choice—and he'll find plenty support for either viewpoint in the hotel lobbies and around the headquarters in Austin.

Another Race Warms Up

Nobody was paying much attention to other State races, with interest in the gubernatorial situation intensified by the O'Daniel boom. But in the Attorney General's race Judge Ralph Yarborough made slashing attacks at Houston and elsewhere upon the record of Lt. Gov. Walter Woodul, who is admittedly in the top spot for this important race. Woodul declined to answer, but his friends raised the point that Yarborough's candidacy, while holding office as a district judge, is in direct violation of the Texas Bar Association's code of ethics, which forbids a judge to run for another office while holding a bench seat. Woodul's backers this week cited an "unprejudiced" newspaper survey of many communities, showing the Houstonian with a wide lead.

Pension Possibilities

This column has pointed out on several occasions that voters will do well to remember, in listening to promises of all the candidates, that there are three branches of the State government, and that the greatest of these is the Legislature. Wild pledges of reform and largess to aged or other groups can only be fulfilled if the Legislature says so. The present legislature has demonstrated a conservative attitude toward payment of benefits out of the State treasury, as is shown by defeat of measures to liberalize pensions, and failure to provide funds for aid for blind, dependent children, and to put up the State's share of the school teachers' pension fund.

Turnover Is Small

There may be considerable turnover in the make-up of the next House, but not as great as in some other recent years. But in the Senate, there will likely be no great change of policy, because only one half of the Senate is up for re-election, and only about half the senators whose terms expire have serious opposition. The successful candidate for Governor may recommend what he is now promising, but it is a cinch that \$30-a-month pensions for everybody over 65 are NOT going to be voted by the Legislature. It is likely reason

able grants will be provided for utilization under the direction of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the statistics on live stock and live stock products are assuming increasing significance as a measure of changes in agricultural activity," the Bureau's report said.

Reports to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research from representative groups of creameries, cheese factories, and ice cream plants indicate an increase during March of 40.2 per cent in creamery butter production over March last year, a gain of 55.6 per cent in cheese production and a rise of 40.3 per cent in ice cream production. "With the rapid readjustments which are now taking place in land

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Miss Nora Karrer of S. W. T. S.
T. C. spent the week-end here with
her mother, Mrs. Frances Keller, and
was accompanied back to San Marcos
by Miss Josephine Brucks, who is
spending the week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peters and
two sons, Glen and Charles, arrived
last Thursday night from their home
in Glendale, California, for a visit to
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Horger, Mr. A.
F. Peters, and other relatives here.

Mrs. J. W. Baker and son, James,
and daughter, Miss Bertha Baker,
Robert Edgar, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Fohn arrived Friday from Houston
for the funeral of the late J. W.
Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Fohn remained
for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob
Fohn and with other relatives here
and in D'Hanis, while the others re-
turned to Houston Saturday.

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Loessberg of Quili, became the bride
of Mr. Elmer Nietenhoefer, a promis-
ing young farmer of Vandenburg,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Nieten-
hoefer, in a simple but impressive
double ring ceremony, at 10 A. M.
Wednesday, June 2, 1938, in the
Quili Lutheran Church. Rev. C.
Weeber, the pastor, officiated. The
ceremony was performed in the
presence of a large group of rela-
tives and friends.

The church was beautifully decorated
with pink and white flowers and fern.
"I Love You Truly" was sung by
Mrs. Herbert Brucks. The bridal
party entered to the traditional nuptial
music played by Miss Hertha
Weeber, who also played softly during
the ceremony. The bride was at-
tended by Miss Corine Nietenhoefer as
maid of honor and Miss Alice Nieten-
hoefer as bridesmaid. Mr. Milton
Leinweber served the bridegroom as
best man.

The bride wore a gown of white
rosewood satin made on princess
lines with a brief train, long sleeves
extending to a point, and a high
neckline. A long veil of silk bridal
illusion was held to the head with a
bandeau of pearls. Her slippers were
white and she carried an arm
bouquet of white carnations and lace
fern tied with a white satin bow and
white satin streamers. The maid of
honor wore a floor length frock of
pink Chantilly lace over a pink satin
slip, made bolero style with puffed
sleeves, and worn with a wide pink
satin sash. She carried an arm bou-
quet of pink carnations and lace fern
tied with a pink satin bow. Her headress
was a bandeau of pink gardenias.

The bridegroom was attired in an
oxford grey suit and the best man
was in dark grey. For boutonnieres
they wore white carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony
the young couple enjoyed a wedding
dinner at the home of the bride's
parents, with a few relatives and
friends present. The wedding cake
was a white iced confection topped
with a miniature bride and groom,
over which was a circle of white
rosebuds and a tiny silver bell, made
by the bride's sister, Mrs. Clarence
Dailey. It was cut by the bride and
best man with dinner. Immediately af-
ter dinner the young couple left on
a bridal trip to Galveston and other
interesting points. The bride wore
for travel a Capri blue silk dress with
pink flowers and white accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Nietenhoefer will
make their home in Vandenburg
where the bridegroom is engaged in
farming.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Heath returned
Thursday night of last week from a
week's visit to their son-in-law and
daughter, Capt. and Mrs. C. D. Ed-
dleton, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
They were accompanied home by Mrs. Eddleton
and little son, Jackie, who will spend some time
here and in Lake Charles, La. They
will be joined by Capt. Eddleton
for a visit here and in September
will sail from New York City, via
the Panama Canal, for their new station
at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu.
They will remain in the Hawaiian Islands for two years.

Prof. S. R. Burton, wife and son,
are here from Lampasas, visiting
their daughter and sister, respectively,
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Emerson.
Prof. Burton taught the colored
school here for eleven consecutive
terms, leaving some twenty-three
years ago. Since then he has taught
in several different places but for
the past ten years has been the principal
of the colored schools at Lampasas.
He was surprised at the many
changes that have taken place in
Hondo during the passing years.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Heath were
hosts to the Wednesday Night Bridge
Club this week. Their home was dec-
orated with daisies, zinnias, crepe
myrtle and other seasonal blossoms.
The club trophies went to Mr. and
Mrs. L. J. Brucks and Mrs. W. B. Meyer
won the guest prize. Punch was
served to the following: Mr. and
Mrs. Earl Starnes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Kollman, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Meyer,
Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Meyer, Mrs. C. D.
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Mr. Oscar Bader reports killing
one of the biggest rattlesnakes he
has ever seen in this part of the
country, Wednesday morning, while
driving cattle in his pasture. The
snake was over six feet long, very
thick in diameter and with a set of
rattles about nine inches long. His
dog held the snake at bay while Mr.
Bader killed it with rocks and a long
stick, and then left the dead reptile
hanging in a tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert de Montel left
early Saturday morning for Miami,
Florida, after spending several weeks
here with his parents, Judge and Mrs.
Ed. de Montel. They were accom-
panied as far as New Orleans, La.,
by Mrs. O. B. Taylor and son, Blan-
ton, who remained there for a visit
with Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs.
Irma May Price, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Stiegler and
daughter, Virgie, leave this evening
for San Antonio where they will be
joined by Miss Vernelle Janette Stiegler,
and the family will motor to
Weinert, Texas, on a visit to their
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If circumstances warrant, Mr. Stiegler
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Lutz, son of Mrs. August Lutz of
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recessional music on the organ and also
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Offertory.

The church was decorated with
daisies, tuberoses and white zinnias,
floor baskets of the chosen blossoms
marking the center aisle and the en-
trance to the sanctuary, while vases
of the white flowers and lighted ca-
thedral tapers adorned the altars.

The bride was attended by her
youngest sister, Miss Jo Lebold, as
maid of honor, and by two flower
girls, her little niece, Annie Marie
Braden, and Norma Wolff, a niece
of the bridegroom. The bride was
given in marriage by her brother,
Mr. Andrew Braden. Mr. Lutz had
as best man his brother, Mr. Arthur
Lutz, of Morenci, Arizona.

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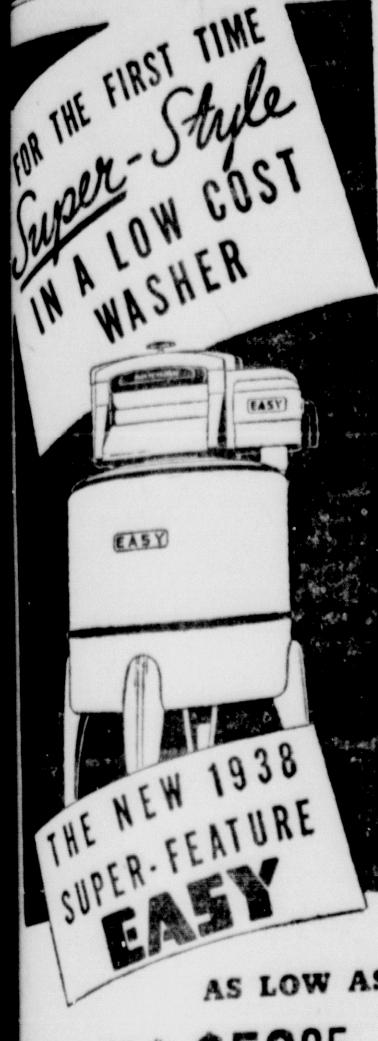
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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bader and Miss

Lavern Ruhn of Castroville stopped

over for a brief visit with the editors

last Friday morning. They were head-

ing west on a motor trip to New Mex-

ico, Colorado, Pike's Peak, the Yel-

lowstone National Park and other

points of interest. They plan to be

away a month.

Mrs. A. C. Thallman, who became

suddenly ill while visiting relatives in

Lynn last week-end, was brought

back to Hondo by Mr. Thallman and

on Sunday morning underwent an

appendectomy at the Medina Hospi-

tal. Her friends will be glad to

learn that she is recovering satis-

factorily from the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Fohn and

children, who are here from Over-

ton spending Mr. Fohn's vacation, re-

turned Thursday from an extensive

auto trip. They were accompanied by

Mr. Fohn's mother, Mrs. John Fohn,

Fohn at Wink, Texas, and Mr. and

Mrs. Henry Wendland at Monahans,

Texas. A side-trip was also taken to

Karshad Cavern.

Quite a number of Hondo people

attended the St. Mary's parish an-

nual picnic at Echtle's grove below

LaCoste last Sunday. There was a

large attendance, and all were served

a sumptuous dinner of barbecue and

sausage. Quite a number of candi-

cates, both from Bexar and Medina

counties, were active among the vot-

ers on the grounds. Politics in Bexar

County excites much more interest

than in Medina County.

Mrs. Harmon Hubert entertained

the Ladies' Bridge Club Tuesday af-

ternoon. Shasta daisies were used in

decoration of the home. Club prizes

were won by Mrs. L. J. Brucks, high

and Mrs. J. M. Finger, second high.

Refreshments of ice cream and

ice-cream and candy were served to the fol-

lowing: Mesdames George Gilliam of

Corpus Christi, Earl Lacy of Port

Leavenworth, Kansas, R. C. Rath,

C. D. Eddleman of Fort

H. J. Meyer, W. E. Meyer, A. H.

Schweers, Ed. Cameron, Fletcher

Davis, J. M. Finger, L. E. Heath,

L. J. Brucks and Harmon Hubert.

QUIHI NOTES.

And Isaac sent away Jacob; and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban . . . the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. Gen. 28:5.

Early dawn—stars twinkling sadly—the knapsack light, yet weighing down like iron; the feet so reluctant to move, the heart so heavy with a new pain. "How dear those scenes of my childhood." But that lonely wanderer must move on, must move fast. Danger might be lurking at the next corner; delay may mean death. That irate brother is waiting for his chance. Not the nicest send-off for the young man. Traveling is irksome, exhausting, hazardous. His destination far away. Strange people, though relatives, are to take him into their home-circle. Nice, if you can have it that way that you can load off your sorrows on somebody's broad shoulders; that you have other birds provide a nest when you have forfeited your own. But you may wear out your welcome rather abruptly; and one used to bread baked in mother's oven will often find the bread away from home a little moldy and sour, and the stealthy tear falling down on it will not make it more palatable, and those wakeful nights and the tear-stained pillows do not make the outlook brighter. And home, sweet home looks grand and glorious when far away, more so when the vision is blurred and hazy by blinding tears. Remember how you have counted the days up to the day when you could return home; how slowly they dragged and how night-dreams and day-dreams pictured that return trip and the home-welcome in advance while the heart was leaping with joy? Not for Jacob. He has burned all the bridges behind him. What will the future hold in store for him?—That's the question for our young people when they wander out into the world. And they must meet a world today much more congested in scope, system, interdependence, in the multitude of contacts, correlations, industrial and social channels, standards and aims, not to forget the multitude of chances for blind alleys, ruinous detours and exploded careers. The human heart with its human ways, fallacies and misguided ambitions has little changed since those days. Herein the world is ultra-conservative and stubbornly uniform. Plato, the ideal heathen philosopher, four centuries before Christ, already despaired of an ideal, workable commonwealth, "unless philosophers become kings or the minds of kings (rulers) become imbued with philosophy." Far from it. If that would have improved the quality is another question. A little booklet published by an anonymous Irishman a few centuries after Christ, much read and quoted, under the title, The Twelve Abuses of the Secular World, is trying to correct abuses that more or less flourish in the present world, namely, the teacher who is not a doer, the old man without religion, the youth without obedience, the rich man without almsgiving, the woman without modesty, the lord without virtue, the contentious Christian, the proud poor man, the unjust king, the negligent parson, the common people without discipline, the nation without law. Out in that world the young man finds many more abuses with these today, cultured and modernized, the huge hypocrisy that has the dictates of the conscience regulated by the prospects for profit; that whines about war and bloodshed and secretly supplies men and munitions to keep it up; that discards religion and religious scruples to make way for the super-man, the ego-maniac, that worships and serves his puny self at any cost. It's little short of a miracle, under such and similar influences, if the young man remains clear-headed, uncontaminated, sturdy, pious and true. A steady preventive and corrective is needed. The old psalmist offers one: Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. Ps. 119:9.

It was quite an event with a large number of people present on June the 22nd, when the wedding ceremony took place for Elmer Nietenhoefner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Nietenhoefner, and Miss Edna Loessberg, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loessberg. The church was decorated beautifully. Mrs. Herbert Brucks sang the favorite solo, I Love You Truly, for an introductory number. Under the strains of the Wedding March the bridal procession entered, preceded by Miss Corine Nietenhoefner, Mr. Milton Leinweber and Miss Alice Nietenhoefner, the witnesses and bridal attendants. (Words again fail me for a technical description of the lovely garments worn by the bride and her ladies.) The rings were exchanged while tender melodies accompanied the act. After a brief tour to Galveston, Houston, Branham, etc., the newly weds will make their home in the Vandenberg community. May the Lord bless and prosper their future. Their many friends join me in this.

Mrs. Henry Nietenhoefner had the mishap of injuring her foot and she had to resort to crutches. We are glad to know that she is improving fast.

For the 95th time, Mother Loessberg was privileged to celebrate her birthday on the 24th inst. She is

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JAMES WALLACE BAKER.

Funeral services for James Wallace Baker of Houston, an account of whose death was given in last week's paper, were held at four o'clock Friday afternoon, June 24, 1938, in Hondo, from the Horger funeral home, Rev. W. S. Highsmith, pastor of the Hondo Methodist Church, conducted the services with the assistance of the church choir. Interment was made in the Woodmen of the World section of Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were L. E. Heath, Judge H. E. Haass, V. P. King, Dr. O. B. Taylor, H. R. Bailey and T. C. Barnes.

The deceased had been in ill health for several years and death came as a release from his sufferings. He was born December 11, 1876, in Cuero, Texas, and was, therefore, 61 years, 5 months and 11 days of age at the time of his death. After completing law school Mr. Baker came to Hondo where as a young man he became District Attorney of the 38th Judicial District. He served in this capacity from 1899 to 1903. While a Hondo resident he was married to Miss Floy Marsh of Lake Charles, La., and to their union two children, a son and a daughter, were born. From here the family moved to San Antonio, and also made their home in Lake Charles, La., and in Seattle, Washington. They have been residing in Houston for several years.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Floy Baker; one son, James Wallace Baker, Jr.; one daughter, Miss Bertha Baker, and a nephew, Robert Edgar, who has made his home with his uncle since early childhood; one brother, Otis Baker, of San Antonio, and a number of other relatives and friends. In 1913 he united with the Methodist Church in Lake Charles and after twenty-five years of membership was laid to rest under its auspices. He was also a member of long standing of the Woodmen of the World.

The bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of all its Hondo friends.

much enfeebled and age is telling its tale in many ways during the last months, but mentally she is fairly alert and follows the ministrations of her pastor with full attention and devotion, as she gratefully appreciates the understanding care she is receiving in the home of her son Henry. May the Lord sustain her and help her keep her faith in her Savior.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graff brought their child for holy baptism last Sunday. They have selected the baby boy and invited Mr. Oscar Etter and Mrs. Emil Bippert for sponsorship. May the child increase in age and grace with God and men.

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REV. C. WEEBER HONORED.

When Rev. C. Weeber of the Quihi Lutheran Church completed his fortieth year as a minister of the Gospel in the Lutheran Synod it did not dawn upon him that the members of his church and the ministers of the Lutheran Churches of southwest Texas had made elaborate preparation for a big celebration to commemorate the event with appropriate devotional services at the church in the morning, and a social afternoon in the Boehle Park. The plans for this surprise were concocted by the Reverends H. C. Ziehe, M. A. Falkenberg of San Antonio, and Rev. A. H. Falkenberg of Castroville, together with the directors of the Quihi Lutheran Church. Absolute secrecy was demanded of all, and to secure the home a guard, an intimate lifelong friend who "just happened" to visit with Rev. Weeber for a few days, was placed to see that none should pass that way and perchance divulge the "conspiracy". Early June 23rd a procession was formed at Castroville by the pastors and friends from distant charges who met the members of the church near the pastor's home and then in a body proceeded to carry their premeditated plans into execution. While chatting with his friend, he was accosted in his private sanctum by several members of the San Antonio conference. Hurriedly attiring to meet the occasion, he tried to pass from his home when he was met by his congregation and friends who were accessories to the plot who accompanied him into the church where special services were conducted by Rev. F. A. Bracher who read the liturgy, and Rev. P. Cogolin preached the sermon for the occasion. The words for his text were those spoken by Samuel when he erected his Ebenezer to commemorate the graces of his Master. The words spoken by Rev. Cogolin were appropriate for the occasion, his thoughts were ripe and beautiful. Audiences urged his listeners to follow the example of Samuel.

For noon refreshment the congregation invited the guests to the beautiful elm grove where a sumptuous barbecue together with trimmings was prepared and served to all present.

At two o'clock Rev. A. H. Falkenberg summoned his colleagues and friends to express their appreciations and felicitations to Rev. Weeber and his family for the magnificent and unstinting services he rendered his church and school during his forty years' service.

Many and beautiful were the expressions of love and esteem the brethren have for the pioneer who served both church and school. It was during his presidency that the Lutheran College at Seguin came into prominence. Many of the young ministers testified as to his worth and keen executive ability as a "proxy" of a college. The pastors of the San Antonio conference presented Rev. Weeber with a substantial cheque and other brethren gave him books for his extensive library. Telegrams and letters from many of the charges were read by Rev. H. C. Ziehe of San Antonio.

There were in attendance upon this celebration twenty-five ministers, fifteen pastors' wives, fifty visitors from other charges and denominations and the entire Quihi congregation. Peace and harmony prevailed that was present almost to a man, about twenty clergymen, to convey their greetings and their generous gift by the chairman, the Rev. H. E. Ziehe, of San Antonio; to many other friends of the clergy and otherwise from far and near; to the many senders of congratulatory letters and telegrams, and, in particular, to my old friends, the Rev. P. Cogolin, of Brenham, and the Rev. F. A. Bracher, of Fredericksburg, the liturgist; but chiefly to our merciful God Who has given the day and permitted the long, however feeble, career in His service. Many kind words were spoken by about twenty speakers, of an ancient world that I had thought sunk and forgotten, of facts and features that I never stressed or even mentioned, but, again, "All Glory Be To God On High!"

Announcements for July the 3rd: German service at 10; Sunday school and Bible classes at 9; English service at 8 P.M. Be fair and give the Lord His share—everywhere, also in worship.

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with the judging. Next, Miss Lohma Louise Reed, Atascosa County Home Agent, gave a resume of the 4-H club girls' canning judging work in the county and explained its purpose. She then named the following

The Brown Mouse

By HERBERT QUICK

CHAPTER V

The Promotion of Jennie.

If Jennie Woodruff was the cause of Jim Irwin's sudden irruption into the educational field by her scoffing "Humph!" at the idea of a farm-hand's ever being able to marry, she also gave him the opportunity to knock down the driver of the big motorcar, and perceptibly elevate himself in the opinion of the neighborhood, while filling his own heart with something like shame.

The fat man who had said "Cut it out" to his driver, was Mr. Charles Dilly, a business man in the village at the extreme opposite corner of the county. Mr. Dilly was a candidate for county treasurer, and wished to be nominated at the approaching county convention. In his part of the county lived the county superintendent—a candidate for renomination. He was just a plain garden or field county superintendent of schools, no better and no worse than the general political run of them, but he had local pride enlisted in his cause, and was a good politician.

Mr. Dilly was in the Woodruff district to build a backfire against this conflagration of the county superintendent. He expected to use Jennie Woodruff to light it withal. That is, while denying that he wished to make any deal or trade—every candidate in every convention always says that—he wished to say to Miss Woodruff and her father, that if Miss Woodruff would permit her name to be used for the office of county superintendent of schools, a goodly group of delegates could be selected in the other corner of the county who would be glad to reciprocate any favors Mr. Charles J. Dilly might receive in the way of votes for county treasurer with ballots for Miss Jennie Woodruff for superintendent of schools.

Mr. Dilly never inquired as to Miss Woodruff's abilities as an educator. That would have been eccentric. Miss Woodruff never asked herself if she knew anything about rural education which especially fitted her for the task; for was she not popular and successful teacher—and was not that enough? So are the officials chosen who supervise and control the education of the farm children of America.

When Jim Irwin started home from putting out his team the day after his first call on the Simms family, Jennie was waiting at the gate to be congratulated on her nomination.

"I hope you're elected," Jim said, holding the hand she had extended; "but there's no doubt of that."

"They say not," replied Jennie; "but father believes in working just as if we didn't have a big majority for the ticket. Say a word for me when on your pastoral rounds."

"All right said Jim, "what shall I say you'll do for the schools?"

"Why," said Jennie, rather perplexed, "I'll be fair in my examinations of teachers, try to keep the unfit teachers out of the schools, visit schools as often as I can, and—why, what does any good superintendent do?"

"I never heard of a good county superintendent," said Jim.

"Never heard of one—why, Jim Irwin!"

"I don't believe there is any such thing," persisted Jim, "and if you do no more than you say, you'll be off the same place as the rest. Your system won't give us any better schools than we have—the old sort—and we need a new kind!"

"Oh, Jim, Jim! Dreaming as of yore! Why can't you be practical! What do you mean by a new kind of rural school?"

"It would be correlated with rural life. It would get education out of the things the farmers and farmers' wives are interested in as a part of their lives."

Jennie looked serious, after smothering a laugh.

"Jim," said she, "you're going to have a hard enough time to succeed in the Woodruff school, if you confine yourself to methods that have been tested, and found good."

"But the old methods," urged Jim, "have been tested and found bad. Shall I keep to them?"

"They have made the American people what they are," said Jennie. "Don't be unpatriotic, Jim."

"They have educated our farm children for the cities," said Jim. "This county is losing population—and it's the best county in the world!"

"Pessimism never wins," said Jim.

"Neither does blindness," answered Jim. "It is losing the farms their dwellers, and swelling the cities with a proletariat."

For some time, now, Jim had ceased to hold Jennie's hand; and their sweet heart days had never seemed farther away.

"Jim," said Jennie, "I may be elect-

ed to a position in which I shall be obliged to pass on your acts as teacher—in an official way, I mean. I hope they will be justifiable."

Jim smiled his slowest and saddest smile.

"If they're not, I'll not ask you to condone them," said he. "But first



"Good Night," Said Jennie Curtly.

they must be justifiable to me, Jim."

"Good night," said Jennie curtly, and left him.

Jennie, I am obliged to admit, gave scant attention to the new career upon which her old sweetheart seemed to be entering. She was in politics, and was playing the game as became the daughter of a local politician. Col. Albert Woodruff went South with the army as a corporal in 1861, and came back a lieutenant. His title of colonel was conferred by appointment as a member of the staff of the governor, long years ago, when he was county auditor. He was not a rich man, as I may have suggested, but a well-to-do farmer, whose wife did her own work much of the time, not because the colonel could not afford to hire "help," but for the reason that "hired girls" were hard to get.

The colonel, having seen the glory of the coming of the Lord in the triumph of his side in the great war, was inclined to think that all reform had ceased, and was a political stand-patter—a very honest and sincere one. Moreover, he was influential enough so that when Mr. Cummins or Mr. Dolliver came into the county on political errands, Colonel Woodruff had always been called into conference. He was of the old New England type, believed very much in heredity, very much in the theory that whatever is right, in so far as it has secured money or power.

A very respectable, honest, American tory was the colonel, fond of his political sway, and rather soured by the fact that it was passing from him. He had now broken with Cummins and Dolliver as he had done years ago with Weaver and later with Larrabee—and this breach was very important to him, whether they were greatly concerned about it or not.

Such being her family history, Jennie was something of a politician herself. She was in no way surprised when approached by party managers on the subject of accepting the nomination for county superintendent of schools. Colonel Woodruff could deliver some delegates to his daughter, though he rather shied at the proposal at first, but on thinking it over, warmed somewhat to the notion of having a Woodruff on the county pay roll once more.

CHAPTER VI

Jim Talks the Weather Cold.

"Going to the rally, James?"

Jim had finished his supper, and yearned for a long evening in his attic den with his cheap literature. But as the district schoolmaster he was to some extent responsible for the protection of the school property, and felt some sense of duty as to exhibiting an interest in public affairs.

"I guess I'll have to go, mother," he replied regretfully. "I want to see Mr. Woodruff about borrowing his Babcock milk tester, and I'll go that way. I guess I'll go on to the meeting."

He kissed his mother when he went—a habit from which he never deviated, and another of those personal peculiarities which had marked him as different from the other boys of the neighborhood. His mother urged his overcoat upon him in vain—for Jim's overcoat was distinctly a bad one, while his best suit, now worn every day as a concession to his scholastic position, still looked passably well after several weeks of schoolroom duty.

Colonel Woodruff felt the unwisdom of ignoring the demand. Probably he relied upon Jim's discretion and expected a declination.

Jim arose, seedy and lank, and the voices ceased, save for another suppressed titter.

"I don't know," said Jim, "whether this call upon me is a joke or not. If

the colonel, and the cows that go with it, if you can use 'em. They ain't earning their keep here. But how does the milk tester fit into the curriculum of the school? A decoration?"

"We want to make a few tests of the cows in the neighborhood," answered Jim. "Just another of my foolish notions."

"All right," said the colonel. "Take along. Going to the speakin'?"

"Certainly, he's going," said Jennie, entering. "This is my meeting, Jim."

"Surely, I'm going," asserted Jim. "And I think I'll run along."

"I wish we had room for you in the car," said the colonel. "But I'm going

afraid by Bronson's to pick up the speaker, and I'll have a chuck-up load."

"Not so much of a load as you think," said Jennie. "I'm going with Jim. The walk will do me good."

Any candidate warms to her voting population just before election; but Jennie had a special kindness for Jim. He was no longer a farm hand. The fact that he was coming to be a center of disturbance in the district, and that she quite failed to understand how his eccentric behavior could be harmonized with those principles of teaching which she had imbibed at the state normal school in itself lifted him nearer to equality with her. A public nuisance is really more respectable than a nonentity.

She gave Jim a thrill as she passed through the gate that he opened for her. White moonlight on her white furs suggested purity, exaltation, the essence of womanhood—things far finer in the woman of twenty-seven than the glamour thrown over him by the school girl of sixteen.

Jim gave her no thrill; for he looked gaunt and angular in his skimpy, ready-made suit, too short in legs and sleeves, and too thin for the season. Yet, as they walked along, Jim grew upon her. He strode on with immense strides, made slow to accommodate her shorter steps, and embarrassing her by his entire absence of effort to keep step. For all that, he lifted his face to the stars, and he pointed out the great open spaces in the Milky Way, wondering at their emptiness and at the fact that no telescope can find stars in them.

They stopped and looked. Jim laid his hard hands on the shoulders of her white fur collarette.

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Jim seemed to ponder this for some time—a period of taking the matter under advisement which caused Jennie to drop his arm and busy herself with her skirts.

"Yes," said Jim, at last; "of course I do."

Nothing more was said until they reached the schoolhouse door.

"Well," said Jennie rather indignant, "I'm glad there are plenty of voters who are more enthusiastic about me than you seem to be!"

More interesting to a keen observer than the speeches were the unusual things in the room itself. On the blackboards, with problems in arithmetic, were calculations as to the feeding value of various rations for live stock, records of laying hens and computation as to the excess of value in eggs produced over the cost of feed.

Placed to the wall were market reports on all sorts of farm products, and especially numerous were the statistics on the prices of cream and butter. There were files of farm papers piled about, and racks of agricultural bulletins. In one corner of the room was a typewriting machine, and in another a sewing machine. Parts of an old telephone were scattered about on the teacher's desk. A model of a piggy bank stood on a shelf, done in card board.

Instead of the usual collection of text-books in the desk, there were hectograph copies of exercises, reading lessons, arithmetical tables and essays on various matters relating to agriculture, all of which were accounted for by two or three hand-made hectographs—a very fair sort of printing plant—lying on a table.

The members of the school board were there, looking on these evidences of innovation with wonder and more or less disfavor. Things were disorderly. The text-books recently adopted by the board against some popular protest had evidently been pitched, neck and crop, out of the school by the man whom Bonner had termed a dub. It was a sort of contempt for the powers that be.

Colonel Woodruff was in the chair. After the speechifying was over, and the stereotyped, though rather illogical, appeal had been made for voters of the one party to cast the straight ticket, and for those of the other faction to scratch, the colonel rose to adjourn the meeting.

Newton Bronson, safely concealed behind taller people, called out, "Jim Irwin! speech!"

There was a giggle, a slight sensation, and many voices joined in the call for the new schoolmaster.

Colonel Woodruff felt the unwisdom of ignoring the demand. Probably he relied upon Jim's discretion and expected a declination.

Jim arose, seedy and lank, and the voices ceased, save for another suppressed titter.

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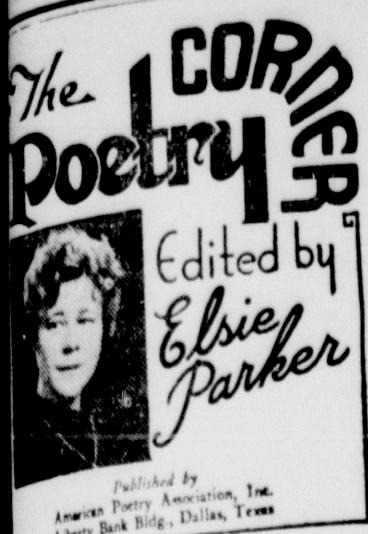
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met him down hearts avenue
then hearts were young and hearts
were true
his heart was light and his laugh was
gay
and his mind was filled with care-
free play,
his touch was light and his step was
quick
as it was free and his tongue was
sick.
danced his step, sung a lifting song,
thought him true, I thought him
strong
I saw him pause by lights turned
dim
or black eyes held strange lure for
him.
lifting his eyes to bits of the
skies,
filled them with his little white
lies.

—NOBIE POPE.

Abilene.

NIGHT.

a sprite—
of fireflies
danced in her hair;
her trailing gown
of moonlight
mist—
resolved by fires
of dawn's array.

—MARGARET SEFFLD,

Houston, Texas.

A MOMENT.

stole a moment from the hurry and
the strife—
listened to a bird atop a flowering
tree—
stole a moment from the business of
my life,
and stored it in my soul for all
eternity.

—RUTH COLLINS,

Fort Neches, Texas.

THREE BOUGHT.

forthwhile possessions
are thrice bought,
treasure,
time, and thought.

—STELLIA JAMES BOREN,

Abilene, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP.

Just as a little, timid child—
In the dark reaches the night—
falls out to one well-known,
So I, in my bewilderment,
fall out to you. And from your
strength
catch courage in the night.

—GLADYS MILLER,

Colorado, Texas.

ABOUT PEOPLE
YOU KNOW.

the Bandera New Era

Mrs. Fabian Hicks of Tarpley was

shopping here Thursday.

Charlie Robison made a business

trip to Hondo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McMains and

daughter, Joan, of Catarina are vis-

iting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben

McMains.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Saathoff and

children of Tarpley were visitors

here Sunday.

Mrs. Lucius Hicks and daughter,

Dorothy, of Tarpley were shopping

here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradley of Hon-

do visited in Bandera Tuesday.

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The Pearsall Leader.

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PIG IRON AND WATCH SPRINGS.

By T. C. Richardson, Secretary

Breeder-Feeder Association

There is a classic illustration of the value of skill which tells us that a ton of watch spring is worth several thousand times the value of the pig iron or steel from which they are made. The same kind of a transformation, though not in such spectacular proportions, occurs every day on the farm. A ton of hay is a truck load, worth a few dollars, and if it travels far the ride will cost more than the hay. Feed the hay to a cow, the butterfat it produces is worth several times as much as the ton of hay, and will go to town in a can.

A dollar a bushel would be a high price for barley, but Greer Creager of Wilbarger county sold 100 bushels of barley for \$300. It wasn't a rare and valuable variety for seed—just ordinary barley, worth on the grain market at that time somewhere around 60 to 75 cents. It is no mystery and no fable. Mr. Creager had some pigs which had grown up on Sudan grass pasture and skim milk. He ground the barley and fed it to the pigs; it sold for \$300 in the form of pork. Just another case of the bar steel and the watch springs.

Ten acres of "careless" weeds in Willacy county, Texas, sold for about \$300 cash in 1919. A bunch of cows grazed it for three months, with no other feed, and the cream produced brought the owner of the cows \$100 a month, better than \$3 a day. The transformation did the trick. The weed-grown ten acres of old field paid the owner more than any ten acres he had in cotton, and cotton was worth 35 cents a pound that year. If he hadn't had the cows, if the cows hadn't that miraculous alchemy, the ten acres would have paid no rent, he would have been short \$300 for three months milking chores, and the whole community would have been \$300 less well off at the end of the year.

bration at D'Hanis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Barrington spent Sunday in Schulenburg, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Barrington. Mrs. Irvin Barrington and children returned home with them for a several weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gaines, Roland Gaines Jr. and Jo Nell Gaines of Hondo were guests in the C. S. Allen home Sunday, also attending the "open house" honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruso. Mrs. Gaines and Mrs. Bruso are sisters of Mr. Allen.

The Uvalde Leader-News.

GARNER, PRESIDENTIAL

CHOICE, RETURNS HOME

FOR NEEDED REST.

LEAKY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brice and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bendle spent Sunday in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bulgerin of Hondo visited Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Brice here Sunday.

UTOPIA.

Rev. W. S. Highsmith and family of Hondo and his sister, Mrs. Archie Gill and children of El Paso, were here visiting the Fisher family and other friends last Thursday.

Mrs. E. A. Klein of Sabinal was the guest of Mrs. A. E. Umlang Thursday.

Mrs. W. A. Tampe is on a visit with her son, Otto Tampe, and family at Leakey.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Tampe of Leakey were here attending the barbecue and visiting relatives last week.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT EXTENDING HIGHWAY NO. 4 IN REAL COUNTY.

County Judge W. B. Sansom of Real County was in Uvalde Monday morning. He states that work on the extension of Highway No. 4 from Leakey north will start within a few months and he expects a contract for 10 miles of highway construction to be let. He also states that a change has been made in the survey which will eliminate the necessity of going through a portion of Kerr County, and he can see no reason why that No. 4 will not be connected with Highway No. 41 within a reasonable length of time.

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At a meeting of the directors of

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dent C. of C.

At the Chamber of Commerce went

on record favoring the increase of

the 7,000 pound maximum truck load

for agricultural products.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Martin and

sons returned home Friday from a

few days' visit at Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schorp and

children and her mother, Mrs. Birt

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FARMING MUST PAY OR THE NATION WILL PERISH - *Geo. B. Terrell.*

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Help or Control - Which? By FRED W. DAVIS

I wish to express appreciation of an article in May issue of Fletcher's Farming entitled, "Coercion by Any Other Name", by Walter E. Spahr, Professor of Economics, New York University. It is indeed refreshing to know we have a few professors bold enough to give a warning to the economic experimentations which our national administration seems determined to continue despite their wholesale failure. I agree fully with all the professor's conclusions except one. He says, "When farmers learn that along with all the other burdens and headaches they endure, they are to be penalized for what they do produce I do not believe they will stand for such a piece of economic and political madness". I wish I could believe this, but the facts will not permit me. 'Tis true that help is stressed and control and penalties are minimized, yet there are few farmers so dumb they do not realize they are surrendering control to Washington bureaucrats. They are willing—for a consideration.

The first act (one of total destruction), was enough to take your breath away. A cry went up all over the land that people were in dire need. In the face of this the things the people needed were destroyed before their eyes — like making sacrifices to Pagan Gods. For pay the farmers laid their plows to the cotton when it was "white unto the harvest". They took their pigs, piggysows, cows, etc., to the slaughter—for pay. Conscience, consequences, and sentiment were thrown to the winds. Naturally they were willing to do nothing for pay, the next crop year by means of acreage control.

When the unjust, unconstitutional Bankhead cotton law went over with little protest, it was apparent that either the large number of subsidized farmers made it impossible for the victims to raise much protest or those who were victimized did not have the courage to become articulate. All portions of the state had crop contracts, most of them had cotton planted, and some of them had cotton fruiting when the Bankhead act became a law. Farmers were forced to violate their contracts and forced to give up property without due compensation. Many were financially ruined. But when the supreme court declared the act unconstitutional did the government apologize and offer compensation? Not much! They flared up, abused the court and announced they would find a way to put their plans over despite the court. They have come back with another act more dangerous, (because more general and less specific), than the other one and the farmer's overwhelmingly endorse it without any knowledge whatsoever of its provisions—except it proposes to pay certain subsidies.

It is not necessary for me to give to the readers of Fletcher's Farming

a history of my experiences with the agricultural interests of this state and nation. Many writers more able than myself have written volumes explaining to the people at large and the farmers in particular the menace to their liberties and the economic unsoundness of these alleged attempts to assist agriculture. I wrote many editorials and campaigned the state explaining the danger of regimentation. As a rule the farmers would agree with me, then turn around and vote to have the yoke upon them by voting unanimously for regimentation. Why? There can be but one answer. It was the subsidy. Many are frank enough to say so. They refuse to think of consequences. Seven the crazy acts of Henry Wallace from the U. S. Treasury, and he would blow up in thirty days.

If Wallace were blinded to his failures and if farmers were blinded to the inevitable slavery he is fastening upon them, it would be bad enough. But when farmers refuse to consider consequences and when the Secretary of Agriculture refuses to see his errors and commits many acts

which indicate that controlling farmers, rather than helping them, may be his primary object it makes one sick at heart. Motives may be impugned unjustly and I would not knowingly do so. Yet it is hard to believe that Secy. Wallace has been blind to the facts. Those who were in greatest need, (the tenants), got only about 11% of the amount paid out under the old AAA. Thousands of them were turned off the farms and put on the relief rolls while the landlords (some of them strong corporations), collected the money. It is known that some of Wallace's staff advocated keeping the farmers in need, arguing it was the only way to control them.

In all my contacts I have never heard one subsidized farmer express any sympathy for his fellow farmers who were forced to reduce acreage without pay. I have never once heard an all cotton-farmer, whose extensive plantings caused the big crops, sympathize with the diversified farmers whose small cotton plantings were reduced to practically nothing and that generally without pay because such small growers felt no

necessity to sign for a reduction. And I am unable to understand why the government rewarded the farmers who had persistently flouted its teachings of thirty years and punished those who had been following its teachings on diversified farming. I do not see how any mind can be so twisted that it cannot see the injustice of such acts.

When the Secy. of Agriculture put up miles of fences for successful ranchmen who were in no sense in need of financial assistance, asking in return only the authority to dictate the number of cattle per acre the ranchmen could graze, was his object help or control? It answers itself because such ranchmen needed neither financial assistance nor advice. When money is paid to owners of grass land to plow either contour furrows or ridges, (they have done both), on practically level grass land that could not wash in a million years, was the object the control he received or ignorance so dense he believed that level sod that never had washed might do so in the future?

Where will it all end? Quien sabe? Volney said long ago that cupidity caused the wreck of civilizations. It seems that so long as the handouts are coming individuals, municipalities and states will continue to endorse and implore. You never see farmers fighting against their part of the pork. Green and Lewis have but one common ground and that is the greatest possible amount for the dole. Cities and states plan schemes to raid the national treasury. And the only qualification asked of congressmen is their chances to dig deep into the pork barrel. There are few so dumb they do not realize this status cannot last, yet there are comparatively few who seriously care. We inherited our liberties; they cost us no treasures or tribulations, consequently we treat them lightly. Aside from this, our form of government, despite its wonderful success, has never had the universal approval our soap-box orators claim. Our social order has enemies galore in strategic places. Many of them are well known but not removed. It is estimated there were not more than twenty or twenty-five thousand who took part in the Revolutionary War. The remaining two hundred or two hundred and fifty thousand were indifferent, offered opposition, or made money while patriots bled.

In our modern educational fantasy the kids do not learn how to act toward each other. They do not even learn how to talk to each other. For instance, a 15-year-old youngster works the word "at" in where it don't belong, in asking where anything is. For example, he says: "Mother, where's my hat at?" He is well up in the grades, and if his neighbor kids didn't work in the extra "at," it might be thought he was a freak exception. "Hat" is not the only thing with which he used the extra "at."

They are talking and writing about night schools for the younger generation of parents. Not a bad idea, as

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Off-Hand Observations

BY R. R. CLARIDGE.

The scientific fellers, in their study of creation, must have started several years ago to build a new and more powerful telescope, and have not completed it yet. With the most powerful yet in use, they have brought the moon close enough to the earth to find out a lot about it they never knew before. With the new and more powerful "magnifying glass" now in process of making, they think they will be able to discover if the moon is inhabited, and by what kind of creatures.

The astronomers have already visioned in (boundless?) creation, several systems greater in size than the solar system, of which latter our little old earth, except Mars, is the smallest of the sun's satellites; and compared with some of which the earth-sphere seems a fly-speck on the face of nature. Anyway, if our spirits, when they leave our bodies, go anywhere, there seems no end of room for them. And they may go a good deal faster than our little old bodies. These same scientists, a very wonderful and very small contingent, have made it possible for us to recognize a voice we hear across thousands of miles of briny water. They have likewise made possible the locomotion of our own bodies some faster than seems safe for them. If I had any influence with the science group

It is a hard statement but true, that liberty has too few defenders. That it is a mere abstraction. It is a hard statement but true that an official's oath to support the constitution has become a mere hypocritical formality. It is a hard statement but apparently true, that if the subsidies can hold out long enough to get conditions bad enough and class hatred strong enough our democracy is doomed.

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D'HANIS, TEXAS

:- D'hanis Doings :-

A round-up of Local, Personal and Business Items gathered weekly by our regular Correspondent

Miss Josie Rothe

To whom all items intended for this column should be handed not later than Wednesday noon of each week. Miss Rothe is authorized to collect and receipt for money due this paper.

D'HANIS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1938

GINGHAM GIRLS BRIDGE CLUB.

Miss Frances Scott of Utopia spent last week here as the guest of Miss Barbara Boog.

Miss Hilda Wurzbach returned Wednesday to her home in Rio Medina after having spent the past week with Miss Tina Rothe. Miss Rothe returned with her accompanied by little Beatrice Ney.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ney of Leakey visited Mr. John Ney Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ney Rieber and son accompanied by Miss Melba Rieber left Saturday for their home in Silver City, New Mexico after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rieber and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Schuchart left Tuesday for points in Kansas and Nebraska.

Miss Lucy Rothe returned Monday from Del Rio where she spent a month with Miss Audrey Duke.

Mr. M. S. Koch of Bishop spent several days here last week visiting relatives.

Mrs. Theresa Mandry, Miss Regina Sauter and Mrs. Louis Richter visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sauter and Miss Regina Richter in San Antonio Sunday.

Mrs. Al Campbell, Mrs. Charles Birr, Mrs. Henry Rothe and Miss Sarah Rothe visited Mrs. Jacob Reily and Mrs. Joe Ney at Hondo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carle, Mr. and Mrs. John Nester, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Birr and Mrs. Frank Kinnerly attended the funeral of Mrs. Bippert at LaCoste Sunday.

FIGURES ABOUT THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF MEDINA COUNTY.

The Common Schools of Medina County are possibly a greater enterprise than we ordinarily consider it. The following figures taken for the County Superintendent's annual report will reveal to some extent the magnitude of the enterprise.

Value of School Property

	Original costs
School buildings	\$179,800
School sites and play- grounds	9,500
Grounds for working agriculture	2,500
School furniture	17,600
Teachers' home	3,000
Equipment for teaching science	2,650
Equipment for home econ.	1,050
Equipment for manual training	500
Equipment for Commercial subjects	1,100
Libraries	7,260
Transportation equipment	8,900
TOTAL	\$233,860

General Information Concerning The Schools

Number of children transported by (common) schools	268
Number of library books purchased this term	563
Number of usable volumes in library	4024
Number of pupils' desks	1280
Number of seats in auditoriums	320
Number of auditoriums	9

The teachers' salary for the term of 1937-38 totaled to \$41,242.00; teaching 1015 children, this is an average of \$40.63 per child per term including elementary and high school grades. The elementary children aggregate attendance is 110,818.5 days and high school pupils 18,795.5. The total number of days the schools were in session is 3,850.

Academic and Professional Training of Teachers

Three hold Master Degrees, twenty Bachelor Degrees, thirteen have certificates based on three years college work, fourteen have certificates based on two years of college work and

one based on state examination. The certification ranks as follows: one permanent primary, one permanent first class, nine first class elementary, nine first class high school, six permanent elementary, fourteen permanent high school, ten permanent based on degrees, and one special.

Experience of Teachers

Ten had one year, eleven two years, one three years, three four years, four five years, nine from six to ten years, ten from eleven to twenty years, and three twenty-one and more years.

During the term there were twenty-one replacements and two additions of teachers. The tenure of others are as follows: sixteen two years in same position, two three years, four four years, two five years, and four six to ten years.

Membership in grade enrollment was as follows:

First grade, 142 boys and 146 girls;

Second grade, 84 boys and 79 girls;

Third grade, 51 boys and 50 girls;

Fourth grade, 60 boys and 41 girls;

Fifth grade, 49 boys and 40 girls;

Sixth grade, 41 boys and 26 girls;

Seventh grade, 53 boys and 29 girls;

Eighth grade, 25 boys and 32 girls;

Ninth grade, 19 boys and 19 girls;

Tenth grade, 3 boys and 11 girls;

Eleventh grade 5 boys and 11 girls.

During the term three new buses were bought and two used buses, two new high school buildings were erected, one remodeled and several repaired.

The funds received during the term for school purposes from state and local sources: Local (estimate on valuation) \$17,532.00; State apportionment, \$41,602.00, Industrial Aid \$851.00, Vocational Ag. \$450.00, Salary Aid \$1237.00, Transportation to Common Schools only \$2,514 (whereas \$6152.00 was approved for the entire county). The total income for common school purposes is \$84,286.00. Figures on tuition aid have not been made available to date.

The Common Schools received during the term 2,091 new textbooks, and returned to State Textbook Depository for exchange (books out-of-adoption exchange prices to be applied on new texts) 1,534.

There is no substitute for newspaper advertising.

DISTRICT COURT IN SECOND WEEK.

The District Court for Medina County entered its second week of the June term Monday, but was recessed at 4:30 P. M. Tuesday, June 28th, until July 5, at nine o'clock A. M. The petit jurors empaneled for the second week were requested to report for service when Court convenes next Tuesday. The jurors for the second week are C. J. Ahr, Louis Biry, Cornelius Schott, Geo. Koch, L. E. Kollman, Chas. Langfeld, Chas. Rohrbach, Wm. A. Lutz, Henry Finger, Aug. Koch, Theo. Wurzbach, Herman Fohn, Clarence Mumme, Alex Keller, Frank Fohn, Herbert Lutz, Thomas Grimsinger, Robert Stolte, Wilfred Haby, Frank Bohl, Elroy Mofield, B. D. Bomba, Eddie Ehlinger, Geo. Thompson, Otis Slater, Spetelle Bendle, Fred Wernette and Johnnie Hardcastle. Arnold Finger, Gus Rothe and Geo. Bader were excused.

The Grand Jury returned nine indictments into open court on Wednesday of last week and was then dismissed. The indictments, which were withheld from publication last week pending arrests, are as follows:

State of Texas vs. Pedro Martinez, theft over \$50.00.

State of Texas vs. George L. Barlow, driving motor vehicle while intoxicated.

State of Texas vs. Juan Gutierrez, rape.

State of Texas vs. Cecilio Reyes, sale of a narcotic drug, to-wit: marihuana.

State of Texas vs. Cecilio Reyes, possession of narcotic drug. Dismissed on motion of District Attorney for reasons on file.

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State of Texas vs. Marvin Sanderlin, theft over \$50.00. Dismissed on motion of District Attorney for rea-

sons on file.

State of Texas vs. George W. Hoots, bigamy. Continued by agree-

ment.

State of Texas vs. Cecilio Reyes, pos-

session of narcotic drug.

State of Texas vs. Pablo Fernandez, possession of narcotic drug.

State of Texas vs. Roy Hunter, assault with intent to rape. Passed to Tuesdays, July 5.

State of Texas vs. Marvin Sanderlin, theft over \$50.00. Dismissed on motion of District Attorney for rea-

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State of Texas vs. George W. Hoots, bigamy.

The following civil cases were heard the end of last week.

Della L. Collier vs. George W. Seideman, warranty deed with Vendor's Lien to 2420 acres on waters of Medina River out of Survey Nos. 68, Fr. Burrell; 408, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.; 399, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.; 398, A. Haby; 397, H. E. & W. T. Ry. Co. Consideration \$20,570.00.

William L. Windrow et al to Mrs. May Schweers, warranty deed with Vendor's Lien to Lots No. 11, 12, 13 and 14, in Block 29, in town of Hondo. Consideration \$3181.82.

Mrs. Celia Barrientes vs. Caudillo U. Parientes et al; report of A. H. Schweers, receiver, heard on appointment of Receiver renewed and to continue to perform the purposes of his appointment; promises for insurance on business house ordered paid by Receiver out of funds in his hands belonging to the parties in the suit; and Mrs. Celia Barrientes be paid her one-half interest in rental collected by Receiver.

The Sabinal Mercantile Co. vs. August A. Turner; case referred to the District Court of Uvalde County.

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William L. Windrow et al to Mrs. May Schweers, warranty deed with Vendor's Lien to Lots No. 11, 12, 13 and 14, in Block 29, in town of Hondo. Consideration \$275.00.

Heirs of Albert and Katherine Neumann, dec'd.; by Atty., to Melecia Garcia, warranty deed to Lot No. 1, in Block No. 4, of C. J. Bless Addition to town of Hondo. Consideration \$80.00.

A. H. Tillotson to J. F. Smith, warranty deed to Lot No. 18, in Block No. 14, in town of Hondo. Consideration \$15.00.

The tax suits of the Devine Independent School District vs. the following parties were dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff: Mrs. Josephine Mechler, S. M. McAnally, J. H. Hester et al; Southern Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Mrs. R. H. Gossett et al.

The suits to collect delinquent city taxes by the City of Devine vs. the following plaintiffs were dismissed on motion of plaintiffs at the cost of the plaintiff: G. D. Whitfield and Ruby Whittfield, L. G. Briscoe and Pearl Briscoe, R. B. Teel and Rose Teel, J. H. Hester and Delphia Hester.

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OFF-HAND OBSERVATIONS.

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a lot of them surely need education if the night school would be any improvement on the average day school.
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When a bunch of neck-and-belly trusters from Washington visit a big town, get in with the few who dominate the Chambers of Commerce and the utility swindle and big business bolshevism in general; and after the report by the C. of C. spokesman that "recovery" is in sight; and after a lot of gabble-gabble about nothing much, around the bunk-wet table, the Washington Contingent is ready to report to Congress that everything is lovely, and the goose hangs altitudinous; and to vote against everything the President is for, and for everything he is against; and if Democrats, to quit their party to do it.

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If the emissaries of the Co-ordinated Powers of Capitalism had got in with the municipal organizations face-to-face with the problem of relief for the down-and-out, they would have heard a different story with no "bunk" or wet mixed up with it. The latter view would also be backed by small business men, coming of late, more and more to lean toward city labor and the farmers, who make their business, and less and less to the C. of C. bosses, with whom they have hitherto herded. There is another significant indication that the big business tie-up of American industry has about reached its peak, is the spread of little business all over the nation, and its jealous tendency to oppose the big business tie-up of home business and a home market. In fact, the increasing establishment of small productive enterprises all over the country is the most encouraging thing at present visible to the naked eye or understanding. While capitalism has tied up the top little business is growing from the bottom. William J. Bryan, the "great Commoner," in his paper, the Commoner, was pushing the plan of building up the country from the bottom up, instead of from the top down, after it had been busted by the top. This rapid increase in small enterprises, employing home labor and demanding a home market, may bring the "recovery," in spite of the efforts of the utility, branch-store, stock and crop-gambling, etc., etc., to head it off.

FROM A FORMER TEXAN.

645 Holt,
El Centro,
California

Mr. Fletcher Davis

Dear Sir:

May I take this opportunity to say thank you for the splendid little Magazine you are editing and publishing? I have found much pleasure in reading Fletcher's Farming the few months I have been acquainted with it.

It is especially entertaining and dear to me, speaking so much of childhood and earlier "grown up" days. Though you are not so near the part of Texas where most of my life, so far, has been lived—Still 'tis a ring of home you bring me and I look forward with exquisite joy to the pleasure of reading F. F. each month.

Sincerely,
LELA WILLHITE.

CHRIST

Many may want to get along without Him but He is the only remedy to cure a lot of today's evils that are making a wreck of our nation.

His benefit is beyond the measure of man's mind as a song pictures it.

He can produce the best of times and the greatest of happiness when people turn to Him as Lord and Savior.

A. E. GOOD.

THE GOVERNOR'S PLATFORM.

Fourteen candidates already out for Governor of Texas and more announcing daily. Most everybody except his opponents, think Bill McCraw will be elected, but his opponents will have a gay time telling him what they want him to do in case he is elected. All sorts of planks and platforms are being thrown out. It is to be hoped that the people of Texas will not be misled into voting for any candidate who proposes to abolish taxes on property. They call it Ad Valorem taxes.

Some of the runners are out on that platform. You see at once that it is a rich man's plea. What, abolish taxes on property? If you take Ad Valorem off of property owners, who would you tax? The rich man owns the property, not the poor man.

Whenever you take the Ad Valorem tax from property then you have only the poor man left to tax, and you may rest assured the burden will be put on him in whatever he eats, drinks or wears. That is what these Ad Valorem grafters are after. They want to free big land owners and other big property owners from taxes, and then taxes will have to be gotten from non-property owners.

We already have a law exempting small homesteads from State taxes, (it should include City and County taxes), but these schemers want to make the exemption cover all property. Wouldn't that be fine for these big fellows who own most everything? Why are they so anxious at this particular time to release the big owners from taxes?

Can you figure that out? Well, it is this way: The land all over this country is nearly all under heavy mortgage. Much of it has already been foreclosed, and taken away from the small land owner; and just as soon as they can get taxes abolished on big land holders, then the money lenders will foreclose on the rest of the farm lands and then they will possess the bulk of the land free from taxes.

Don't you see the scheme? Be sure you don't "fall" for this the next time you vote for a Governor, or any other high officer. Already there are 162 estates in Texas alone which average over 81,000 acres each; several of them run as high as 200,000 each. The majority of 67 counties in Texas is owned by non-residents.

King's estate owns over a million in one block in Texas. Lowden of Illinois owns 35,000 acres. Scully owns over 100,000 acres in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, and La. Miller & Lux own 15 million acres in California. Jim Whittenberg owns 32,000 acres in Potter County, Texas. Several others in the Panhandle own from 50 thousand to 200 thousand each. There are also 149 other estates in Texas that average over 12 thousand acres each.

I have spoken mostly of Texas and the U. S. Other countries show a worse situation than here in the U. S. Not only is this true of land values, but other property values in the hands of just a few owners, are just as much out of proportion to what they ought to be.

Ninety percent of property is owned by 5 percent of our population; and yet men are going over this country running for Governor today and advocating the abolition of taxes on these big properties. Watch out for them. Notice their platforms. Will you stand for it, or will you say no? Take the taxes from small homesteads, but graduate them higher and higher on all estates over the three thousand dollar homestead. Taxes should be graduated higher and higher on all estates and incomes until such amassed fortunes disappear from the lists.

P. A. SPAIN,

This paper needs your money, but it does not want any advertisement of a doubtful nature, untruthful, misleading, or anything you would not want your own child to answer.

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LOCAL PERSONAL AND BUSINESS ITEMS FROM THIS BUSY BURG

DORIS TONDRE, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

News and advertising copy for this column for the week's issue should be submitted to Miss Tondre or mailed direct to us at Hondo not later than Tuesday night of each week. Miss Tondre is authorized to collect and receipt for any business for this paper.

CASTROVILLE, TEXAS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1938

Angelina Groff is spending the week with Gladys and Doris Tondre.

Emil Poerner underwent an operation in the Medina Hospital one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suehs and daughter, Patty, and son, Leon, and Frances Biry spent the week-end at Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Emma Schmitt and son, Frank, Charles Bowmann, Gus Gerslers and son, Gus Jr., were visiting Mrs. Joe Bowmann and Mrs. Nick Hutzler Sunday.

Mrs. August Halbardier and Mrs. Lloyd Rihm were visiting Mrs. Nick Hutzler Tuesday.

Norval Mangold of Three Rivers spent Sunday here.

Eric Ihnken will spend a few weeks with his grandmother here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Zuercher spent several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Zuercher spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clark E. Tondre and daughter.

Joe Tschirhart, Sr., is visiting several weeks at LaCoste with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mangold.

Mrs. Ralph Tschirhart underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Medina Hospital one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Young and family from Camp Bullis and Mrs. Mary Groff from San Antonio were visiting in the Henry Haller home Sunday.

Little Gerald and Lawrence Groff

of San Antonio spent Tuesday with Henry Haller and family.

L. H. Hellman and Walter Groff were Castroville visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pope and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Biry.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hutzler and children from San Antonio were Castroville visitors.

Messrs. Wilfred Wernette and Joe R. Naegelin were San Antonio visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Oerter of San Antonio had as their guests Sunday at the Rio Vista, Mrs. Mary Gabart and Mrs. Margerete Nolan of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Belzung of San Antonio were Castroville visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Hoog and daughters, Mary and Dorothy, and Miss Kate Schmidt, were Alamo City visitors Monday.

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday, August 7, 1938.

The Pastor is on his vacation next Sunday consequently there will be no preaching service Sunday.

9:30 A. M. Sunday School and Bible classes. Please attend. A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

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